

Flashing Yellow Arrow Traffic Signals

In the Spring of 2014, drivers in the City of Torrance will encounter a new type of traffic signal display designed to move traffic more efficiently, safely, and reduce delays.

Currently in Torrance, there are two types of traffic signal operations relative to left turns:

- **Protected:** the driver turning left has a green arrow, and opposing oncoming traffic must stop; and,
- **Permissive:** the driver turning left has a solid round green light, but must yield to oncoming traffic.

The new signal display, which will initially be installed at the intersections of Arlington/Sepulveda, Cabrillo/Sepulveda, and Prairie/182nd will feature the Flashing Yellow Arrow (FYA) Protected/Permissive Left Turn phasing.

With this type of operation, drivers will have the right-of-way to turn left on a green arrow (the Protected mode), and **will be allowed to turn left on a flashing yellow arrow after yielding to on-coming traffic** (the Permissive mode).

While this type of traffic signal is new to Torrance, it has been implemented at various locations throughout the country for many years, including the Cities of Fullerton, Indio, La Habra, El Cajon and Pasadena in California, and the States of Oregon, Nevada, and Colorado, among others.

The FYA protected/permissive left turn is the new national standard and is being gradually installed nationwide. A graphic display of the new signal operation is shown on the reverse.

For more information regarding the FYA, access the City's web site at TorranceCA.Gov/YellowLight or contact the City's Engineering Department at (310) 781-6900.

New Traffic Signal: Flashing Yellow Arrow



Steady Red Arrow

Drivers wishing to turn left must stop and wait at the stop line.

Steady Yellow Arrow

Drivers should not enter the intersection if they can stop safely. The signal is about to change.

Flashing Yellow Arrow

Because oncoming traffic has a green light, drivers are allowed to turn left when they judge it safe to do so. Drivers must determine when the flow of oncoming traffic and pedestrians allows for a safe left turn.

Steady Green Arrow

Drivers have the right-of-way to make a protected left turn (oncoming traffic has a red light).

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Motto

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